

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2010

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1275

Introduced by: Representative Dennert and Senator Hundstad

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to extend the age limit for cochlear implants.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That § 49-31-50 be amended to read as follows:

4 49-31-50. There is created in the state treasury the telecommunication fund for the deaf and
5 the telecommunication fund for other disabilities for the deposit and disbursement of money
6 collected under §§ 49-31-49 and 49-31-51. There is hereby continuously appropriated the sum
7 of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, each year
8 from the telecommunication fund for the deaf to the Department of Human Services to provide
9 one or two cochlear implants to any child who suffers from severe to profound hearing loss. The
10 child shall be less than ~~five~~ twenty-one years of age at the time of the ~~first~~ implant. ~~However,~~
11 ~~if the child has a documented progressive hearing loss that leads to deafness after speech and~~
12 ~~language are developed, the child may be less than twenty-one years of age at the time of the~~
13 ~~implant.~~

